



Work crew members load fire wood for elderly and indigent citizens at Spilman Park.



Workers installed picnic tables and landscaped Spilman Park.



Workers operate a chipper and tractor to clear a walking trail at Spilman Park.



A work crew member operates a chipper. The mulch was later used to help landscape Spilman Park.

## CJS SATURDAY WORK CREW

The work crew was very active this year. The crew utilized chain saws, chippers, tractors, and a bobcat loader to blaze two walking trails at Spilman Park, located in Jeffersonton. It should be noted that the vast majority of equipment used was donated by work crew members. The crew also split and delivered over 25 truck loads of fire wood to elderly and indigent citizens of Culpeper County. The crew devoted approximately 1,000 hours in this endeavor. The crew also cleaned and assisted 6 local fire and rescue departments, and provided general construction labor to the Knights of Columbus and the Culpeper National Cemetery.

Other agencies benefiting from community service labor included the Culpeper Landfill, the Museum of Culpeper, Goodwill, Culpeper Maintenance Department, Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board, Culpeper Regional Hospital, Sycamore Park Elementary School, Culpeper Airport, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Culpeper Town Police, and Culpeper Parks and Recreation.

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## Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Report



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW & MISSION STATEMENT

Culpeper County Criminal Justice Services (CJS) provides local probation supervision to jailable misdemeanor offenders and non-violent felon offenders. Our Mission Statement is as follows:

*The Culpeper County Criminal Justice Services Program is committed to developing, establishing and maintaining community-based corrections programs that hold offenders accountable by providing sanctions, services and alternatives to incarceration, while providing leadership and coordination throughout the entire criminal justice system.*

## Cost/Benefit Analysis

Local Probation Supervision is a far less expensive option than jail. It should be noted that not all offenders are appropriate for CJS placement and CJS is certainly not designed or meant to alleviate the need for a jail. **For FY 2004, the cost of supervision per day for CJS was \$3.14 as compared to the cost per day for jail at \$80.**

Offenders referred to CJS are allowed to remain in the community under supervision. Rather than filling jails, they work, attend school, receive treatment, pay taxes, pay child support, pay restitution, and pay court costs and fines.

## PROVIDING A SAFER COMMUNITY BY MORE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Like many localities in Virginia, Culpeper County is faced with the problem of domestic violence. For fiscal year 2004, CJS received 81 placements for domestic violence assaults. Until recently, Culpeper had no objective assessment for domestic violence defendants. Such assessments are designed to aid in placing defendants with services that meet their specific needs.

CJS conducted a thorough review of studies and literature available concerning domestic violence assessment tools and batterer's programs. CJS also contacted other local agencies within the Commonwealth to determine what assessment tool, if any, they utilized.

CJS chose to utilize the Domestic Violence Inventory, DVI. The DVI is a validated assessment tool that consists of six scales. The six scales are truthfulness, violence (lethality), control, alcohol, drugs, and stress coping abilities. The DVI assesses attitudes and behaviors, yielding a domestic violence profile.

The level of cooperation between CJS, the Commonwealth Attorney's office, the Culpeper Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, Services to Abused Families (SAFE), and the local facilitator for the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) has been tremendous. The assistant Commonwealth Attorney assigned to prosecute domestic violence cases and the Local Probation assigned to provide probation supervision have begun meeting weekly to discuss their cases in detail. In the near future, it is anticipated that defendants attending the BIP program will be required to take a pre and post test. This will enable Culpeper to examine and aid in determining the effectiveness of the BIP program. Currently, no locality in the Commonwealth is evaluating the effectiveness of their programs. Culpeper is on the cutting edge of this field.

It is believed that the changes instituted will greatly help in providing a safer and healthier environment for the Culpeper families facing domestic violence.

## Offender Services

Offenders placed on probation with CJS may be referred to various services. By providing individuals with skills and education, which result in behavior changes, they are far less likely to commit other criminal acts.

Placements for Fiscal Year 2004:

<u>Service Program</u>	<u># of Offenders</u>
Community Service Labor	227
Substance Abuse Testing	205
Substance Abuse Counseling	33
Substance Abuse Education	57
Boxwood Placement	7
Detox Placement	3
Anger Management	28
Batterer's Intervention	27
Shoplifter's Program	20
Family Counseling	10
Mental Health Counseling	3

## FY 2004 FACTS AND FIGURES

<b>General District Court</b>	<b>237 referrals</b>
<b>J&amp;DR Court</b>	<b>98 referrals</b>
<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>18 referrals</b>
<b>Transfer In Cases</b>	<b>45 referrals</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>398 referrals</b>

**75%** of offenders were closed **successfully** as completing all court requirements

**\$65,321** collected in **court costs and fines**

**\$12,839** facilitated in **victim restitution**

**9,363 community service hours** completed  
(**\$48,220** of labor-based on minimum wage)